(c) the action being taken for full payment of arrears to the wives of concerned freedom fighters and to make arrangement to continue the payments of such pensions; and

(d) whether Government would find out other such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) From the inception of the Scheme, freedom fighters' pension has been sanctioned to 1,64,689 persons including their dependents. No record in respect of living freedom fighters who are presently drawing pension is being maintained.

(b) No case complete in all respects eligible for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension duly verified and recommended by the State Government is pending except about 1357 verification reports received recently from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in respect of cases recommended by the Hyderabad Special Screening Committee.

(c) and (d) The procedure for transfer of family pension in the name of eligible dependents (widow/widower, unmarried/unemployed daughters and mother/father) of the deceased freedom fighter pensioners has been decentralized with effect from 1.5.1992. The pension disbursing authorities (Bank Managers, District Treasury Officers, Pay and Accounts Officers) have been authorized to transfer and continue family pension in their names at their level. The pension disbursing authorities have been vested with the powers to make payment of arrears also. In cases the amount of arrear claims are beyond their delegated powers, they refer such cases to the Central Government for issuing a fresh sanction for payment of arrears.

Investigation into telecom sector by Delhi Police

4250. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investigations into the telecom racket which was reported in the press in September, 2002 are ongoing in the Delhi Police;

(b) the details of individuals/companies involved in the racket as per investigation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the offenders are still moving scot-free;

(d) the present status of the investigations, the arrests made and the action taken under the law so far; and

(e) by when the culprits would be booked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) In September, 2002, Delhi Police registered two cases in connection with illegal operation of telephone facilities. The investigation in both these cases has been completed.

(b) to (e) The investigation conducted in these two cases has revealed involvement of two companies, namely, M/s World Call-net (P) Limited and M/s Bala Web Services. In the first case, four accused persons have been arrested and the matter is *sub judice*. In the second case two of the accused persons have been arrested whereas the third accused is absconding.

Dialogue with Pakistan in order to bring peace in J and K

4251. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Conference President, Omar Abdullah has opined that dialogue with Pakistan is the only option for bringing peace in Kashmir,

(b) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereon; and

(c) the steps being taken to bring peace in the valley and flush out terrorist outfits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir on 18th and 19th April, 2003 has already announced the Government's willingness to have a dialogue with Pakistan provided Pakistan stops cross border terrorism and closes down the terrorists' infrastructure in that country. He has reiterated this position in his statement made in the Rajya Sabha on 24th April, 2003.

(c) The Government has been following a multi-faceted approach in dealing with terrorism and bringing peace in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The major prongs of the stategies, inter-alia, include (i) strengthening border management and pro-active action against terrorists within J and K (ii) accelerating the economic development and (iii) remaining open for dialogue to any individual/group within J and K who eschew the path of violence. In furtherance of this Shri N. N. Vohra has been appointed as the Government of India's representative to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with the elected representatives, various organisations and concerned individuals in the State of J and K.